

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service

BRAXTON WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 73,407 acres in 1992 to 67,081 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 251 acres in 1992 to 240 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 138 farms in 1992 to 116 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

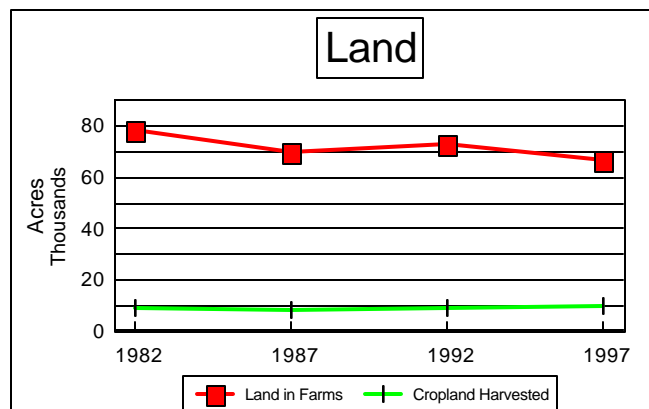
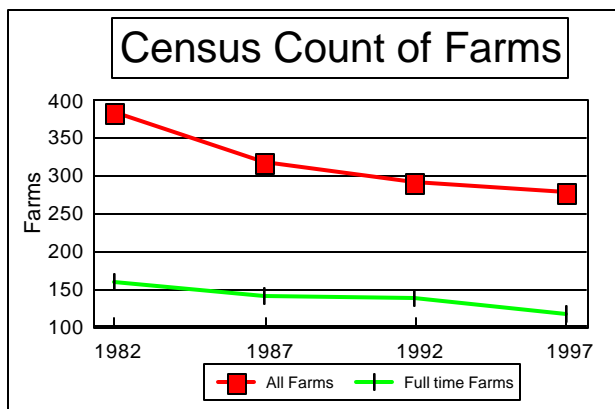
Decreased 11 percent to \$1,731,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 7 percent from \$6,639 in 1992 to \$6,182 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,731	34	55	2,965	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,560	30	55	2,802	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	171	45	54	2,998	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,508	26	55	2,336	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	131	37	54	2,568	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	45	52	2,426	2,790
Hogs and pigs	21	20	51	2,380	2,976
Sheep, lambs, and wool	15	23	50	1,680	2,787
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,627	27	55	2,375	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	414	14	51	2,139	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	298	20	50	1,519	2,765
All goats sold	25	33	47	1,883	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	11	34	51	2,702	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,267	27	55	2,462	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	917	9	52	1,243	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	376	20	50	1,565	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	214	33	54	2,544	3,066
All goat inventory	112	27	52	1,651	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,408	24	54	1,773	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	230	20	48	1,772	2,473
All nursery-acres	(D)	20	50	1,333	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	38	39	51	2,496	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	20	25	53	1,873	2,693

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	238	240	-1
\$10,000 or more	42	52	-19
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,617	1,710	-5
Average per farmdollars..	5,754	5,835	-1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	47	135	-65
Average per farmdollars..	166	460	-64
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	266	275	-3
Partnership or corporation	14	16	-13
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	116	138	-16
Other	164	154	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	258	267	-3
Female	22	25	-12
Operators by race:			
White	280	292	-4
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	58.7	59.0	-1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.